

lar or oblong and obtuse-tipped phyllaries, rather than loose, narrowly lanceolate, ciliolate-margined ones, and by lanceolate leaves having scattered hairs over one or both surfaces but lacking the marked basal cilia along a winged petiole. It resembles the variety *Smallii* of *L. graminifolia* most in the nature of the spike, of rather distant sessile heads beyond which the upper bract-like leaves do not extend, but it differs in having a stouter and stiffer rachis, usually with more heads and more orbicular appressed bracts, and in having leaves frequently covered with hairs, a character in which it also differs markedly from *L. spicata*.

There are three specimens (US 643318, -19, -20) of collection no. 24 of E. S. Steele, Aug. 31, 1912, from the vicinity of Afton, Nelson County, and these show variation from an almost glabrous condition to an abundance of scattered hairs; of these, the intermediate condition was chosen as the type, though the description allows for the inclusion of all. Collected only from the mountain ridges of Virginia and the neighboring ones of West Virginia and North Carolina it has frequently been referred to as *L. pilosa* Ait. on herbarium sheets but until Aiton's specimen may have been found (see no. 7) the evidence gathered makes that name seem inapplicable to this plant. However, the one specimen of Read, from Seven Mile Mountain, Va. (P) referred to by Torr. & Gray Fl. N. Am. ii. 74 (1841) in their discussion of *L. pilosa* seems to have a closer resemblance and it is here included. Though *L. Helleri* Porter is similarly found limited to a small section of the mountains, it seems to represent a different segregate, distinguished from this species by the short pappus, the few, though closely placed, heads, and usually quite glabrous leaves.

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EDGAR BURTON HARGER.—In the passing of Mr. Harger, the Connecticut Botanical Society has lost one of its most active and gifted members. He had a large part in the organization of the Society in 1903, became a charter member, and at the first meeting was elected corresponding secretary, an office in which he served with zeal and distinction for twenty-three years. On the death of Charles H. Bissell, he was elected president and served

for nineteen years. In 1945, because of ill health, he was made honorary president.

Harger was born in Oxford, Connecticut, February 5, 1867, lived for most of his life in the Quaker Farms section of that town, and died there February 22, 1946. He was a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in the class of 1887. He took up the profession of surveyor and served his native town and its vicinity in that capacity for many years. He had been Judge of the Probate Court, Town Clerk and representative in the state legislature; he had also served on the Board of Education in Oxford and as treasurer and clerk of the Oxford Congregational Church, of which he was a life-long member. In 1903, he married Olive Platt, who died in 1926. Four children survive them.

Harger was the author of a number of articles in *Rhodora*. As a particularly keen and active collector and amateur taxonomist, a member of the committee who compiled the *Catalogue of Flowering Plants and Ferns of Connecticut* (1910) and the *Additions to it* (1931), he made a substantial contribution to the advancement of botanical knowledge in the northeastern United States. He was ever ready to share with all comers his extensive knowledge of the local flora and of natural history in general.—
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